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Water: The Often Forgotten Nutrient

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While we often hear that humans can survive longer without food than without water, the vital role that water plays in almost every body function is more often overlooked. Water performs a wide range of functions from regulating body temperature to helping maintain electrolyte balance. It helps eliminate waste products, and is essential in a variety of chemical reactions of metabolism. As a component of blood, water helps carry nutrients and oxygen to the cells.

Schoolchildren learn that water is composed of one atom of oxygen combined with two of hydrogen, and that it can appear in solid, liquid, or gaseous forms. Further, they learn that water is often called the "universal solvent" because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid. Dissolved substances in water move through roots in plants and blood vessels in animals by capillary action, a result of the surface tension of water. So wherever water goes, so go important nutrients.

Water is a vital nutrient in its own right. The average person's body weight is 55 to 75 percent water, and solid tissue like muscle is more than 70 percent water. The brain is made up of 70 percent, the lungs almost 90 percent, and the blood 82 percent water. Water is lost each day from the body as perspiration, exhaled water vapor, urine and feces. In fact, the average adult loses about 10 cups of water daily, and it's essential that fluid be replenished. Most health professionals recommend approximately a quart of water for every 1,000 calories burned. The standard recommendation is to drink the equivalent of 8 and 12 glasses of water a day.

Dehydration is the term used for loss of water and the accompanying loss of potassium and sodium. Diarrhea is one of the most common causes of dehydration, and it can become a serious health threat when diseases or conditions lead to diarrhea. This is particularly true in infants, young children, the elderly, or anyone with a compro-

mised immune system.

Hot weather and/or exercise do not necessarily mean greater water losses. In fact, cold weather can lead to increased fluid needs. As the temperature drops, the body must work harder to maintain normal body temperature. Furthermore, heated air in a room can result in moisture loss from the skin. And so the recommendation to consume 8 to 12 glasses of water a day applies in all sorts of weather, cold as well as hot. By the time one feels thirsty, about two cups of body fluid need to be replaced.

Signs of moderate dehydration include thirst, dry lips, dry mouth and/or concentrated urine. Severe dehydration results in very dry mouth, membranes, sunken eyes, dry skin, rapid and weak pulse, cold extremities, rapid breathing, blue lips, confusion, lethargy, weakness and/or faintness. Hospitalization and intravenous fluids are required in extreme dehydration.

Water consumption in U.S.
Americans may be consuming too little water according to a national consumer survey released in 1998 that include 3,003 people. Only one in five met the recommendation to consume eight glasses of water a day. Results of the survey reveal that the average American consumer only 4.6 servings of water a day. A breakdown of average consumption shows 7.9 servings of hydrating liquid daily and 4.9 servings of dehydrating beverages a day. Besides water, hydrating beverages include juice, milk, and carbonate soda without caffeine.

Water is calorie-free, portable, inexpensive, readily available, and absorbed faster than any other beverage, making it clearly the beverage of choice. Drinking water should be encouraged at an early age. Statistics indicate that the rise in consumption of soft drinks among children and teenagers corresponds strongly to childhood and adolescent obesity.

Nutrition experts recommend a diet high in fiber, fruits, and vegetables and water and low in saturated fats. Fruits and vegetables are high in fiber and contain 80-95 percent water. They are naturally low in saturated fat. In other words, by eating lots of fruits and vegetables, one can easily satisfy all parts of this recommendation.

Source: Dr. B. Levine, Water: The Elixir of Life, Current Concepts and Perspectives in Nutrition - A Nutrition Information Service for the Medical Profession.

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New Brockton town officials upset over DOT's most recent Highway 84 plans

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday, Feb. 7, council members expressed overwhelming concern regarding changes to the U.S. Highway 84 four-lane project.

Mayor Charles Cole said he and town officials just recently became aware of changes that

Cole said the town's biggest question for officials has been and will continue to be why the road plans can not leave the existing road as it is to allow it to be an alternate route for Highway 84 traffic.

Council members suggested setting up a meeting with DOT officials so they could express their concerns together as a united group.

Council members continued a discussion regarding Trudy Street. The street currently divides the property of Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church, and church officials have expressed a desire to not have the property divided by the road.

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New Brockton officials ask county commission for help and support on two separate issues

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Town of New Brockton officials addressed Coffee County Commissioners Monday morning, Feb. 14, asking for help and support on two separate projects.

New Brockton Water Superintendent Ken Fox asked commissioners regarding the proposed paving of county roads 517 and 536.

Fox said the Town of New Brockton has incurred costs of more than \$16,000 while working to move the water lines on County Road 517. He said these costs have put the town in a bad situation.

Fox said about 85 percent of the County Road 517 project is complete, but the town does not have the funds at this time to complete the job in a timely manner. The same falls true for

the water line project on County Road 536.

Fox said he got a proposal from a contractor. It will take \$3,375 to complete the County Road 517 project, and \$5,910 to do the County Road 536 job with the same contractor.

Fox asked the commission in conjunction with the county highway department to approve hiring the contractor to do this work. He said if the county would agree to pick up these costs, he would get the contractor on the job.

"We don't have the machinery and man-force to complete the job," New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole said. "We're just at the point that we can't afford it."

Cole said the town has actually spent over \$20,000 moving water lines and making repairs

for roads to be paved. County engineer Randy Tindell said this has been an ongoing project that everyone would like to see complete. He suggested the commissioners consider paying the \$3,375 to complete the water line project on County Road 517 and hold up on the County Road 536 project until a policy can be created regarding such situations.

Commissioners confirmed that in the past the policy has been that the water system incur the costs of moving water lines.

Commissioner Jim Thompson said he did not understand the \$20,000 cost when it was originally said this project should be only about \$8,000.

"It's the New Brockton water line under the road," Thompson said. "I think Coffee County is going above and beyond to pave the road."

Commissioners did approve a motion offered by Commissioner Robert Stephens with a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks to appropriate the \$3,375 to the New Brockton Water Authority.

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New Brockton Water superintendent Ken Fox and Mayor Charles Cole discuss the County Road 517 water line project with Coffee County Commissioners. Fox and Cole asked the commission to help complete this project by providing the needed funds. Also pictured are commissioners Bernest Brooks and J.L. Weeks. Many residents from County Road 517 filled the room and waited to hear the commission's decision regarding this request since the water line project must be completed before the county can pave the road.

tion of the council, and no decision was made as to exactly where the road needs to be. First and foremost, he said the council needs to find out where the road needs to be and work from there.

Rev. Mike Medley was at the council meeting, and he said he would like for the street right-of-way to be defined. He said he certainly doesn't want to build anything on city property and thus needs to know the route of the city street as it runs through the church's property.

"It would be a great asset to us if that road didn't divide our property," Medley said. "Nevertheless, we need to know the boundaries."

The town's street superintendent said the road probably would not be needed if there was a turn-around at the corner where Railroad Street connects.

Council member Vicky Harrison said she recently drove through Trudy Street, and it did not look as if anyone had been

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Pictured from left to right: Jerry Barnes, principal of Zion Chapel School; Representative Terry Spicer; Mark Coale, principal of Kinston Schools; Senator Jimmy Holley; and Dale Kelley, principal of New Brockton High School.

Holley and Spicer deliver discretionary funds to county schools for various improvement projects

State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer visited the Coffee County Board of Education office last Friday morning, Feb. 11, with good news to deliver.

Holley said they were happy to deliver Community Service Grants to the school system for various projects at New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston. The grants came from state discretionary funds, and the local schools applied based on differing needs each currently has for improvements.

The Coffee County System as a whole benefited greatly from the grants as Holley and Spicer delivered funds totaling approximately \$19,000. The big winner for the funds was New Brockton High School. New Brockton received approximately \$12,500 to help with its ongoing school library project while some of the money will be used for the school's building project.

The remaining funds were divided between Kinston and Zion Chapel to support various programs including materials and supplies.

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ENGINEER explains procedure for use of federal funds on Carl Folsom Airport expansion project.

members to the monthly financial statement and commented on the bottom line balances.

He noted that income continued to be higher than the amount budgeted. However, expenses are also higher than estimated.

The mayor explained that much of the higher expense was from one-time payments of insurance, etc.

He added that overall the city finances "look pretty good".

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County commission adopts Severe Weather Awareness Week resolution

The Coffee County Commission joined Governor Bob Riley in declaring February 13-18 as Severe Weather Awareness Week Monday, Feb. 14, when commissioners voted to adopt a resolution presented by John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

In the resolution, commissioners agreed to encourage all county residents to take the opportunity to increase their awareness of severe weather and its consequences. Moreover, commissioners agreed they want citizens to be prepared for the possibility of severe weather by having disaster plans and disaster kits prepared.

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, the county was scheduled to participate in a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, Feb. 16, weather permitting. Commissioners encouraged citizens and particularly school systems to test their severe weather plan during the drill.

Tallas said the county emergency management agency stands ready to assist citizens in all aspects of disaster preparedness, planning, mitigation and recovery. He also encouraged everyone to visit the county EMA website at www.cccema.com for additional information on disaster preparedness.

Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Grimes referred council

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Area Happenings

A PARENT/CONTESTANT ORIENTATION FOR THE MISS ZION CHAPEL PAGEANTS will be Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. (or immediately following the PTO meeting), at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. The pageant categories will include Future Little Miss Zion Chapel (age 4 - kindergarten), Little Miss Zion Chapel (1st grade), Junior Miss Zion Chapel (7-9th graders) and Miss Zion Chapel (contestants must be 17 years of age by Oct. 1, 2005). All pageant contestants must either be enrolled at Zion Chapel Schools, or, in the case of the Future Little Miss, must reside in the Jack/Zion Chapel area. The pageants are sponsored by Alturas International Inc. of Jack, Ala. and will be held Saturday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the 2C auditorium.

TREASURE HUNT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL HAWKWOOD SPENDING GIVE-AWAY will be Sunday, Feb. 19, at the office of Time Limited Forestry Inc. from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, located at 2045 County Road 364, 1/2 mile west of Coffee County Lake.

ALERT

The administration of the Elba Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents except immediate family until further notice. No children please!

Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction.

Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

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EDITORIAL

Howard Dean, not John Dean. It sounds reasonable that anyone who can walk and chew gum at the same time would have known the correct name of the man destined to be chairman of the National Democratic Committee. Yet last week's Brainstorms comment was a glaring mistake. However with all the Johns that were in the presidential battle and the fact that John is our first name, (also daddy's and granddaddy's) hopefully our readers understand the fixation. Plus there was the John Dean of the Richard Nixon/Watergate era. The error was first brought to our attention by a son (who also carries the name) but alas his and the other eagle eye responses were several days after press time.

Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer of California received a room full of red roses Monday, sent by a loose knit group of supporters from all across the nation. Regardless of how stupid the woman sounded to some of us as she grilled (abused) Secretary of State nominee Condoleezza Rice, many anti-Bush citizens continue to be against anything the Republican president favors. That is what is happening with Boxer and her fan club. Even some senators in the Democratic Party have urged her and like thinkers to back off of highly qualified Secretary Rice, but to no avail. A couple of folks praise their actions and their ego swells. It is like an editorial writer who happens to find someone who compliments a particular opinion. After this happens several times the writer begins to believe he or she can do no wrong and their word is the gospel. Nothing could be further from the truth and it puts folks on the fast slide to the bottom of the hill. Look out Senator Boxer, those sudden stops when you get to the bottom can hurt. It would be so much more productive for you to praise Secretary Rice for her abilities and a shining example of what a woman can accomplish when given the chance.

President Rice? It is a bit early for us to form an opinion on this, but then who else on the national scene can the Republicans (or Democrats) get behind who can successfully handle America's role as THE world leader. Please don't suggest Hillary!

As was predicted several weeks ago, there is very little public opposition to the idea of additional life insurance for our active military men and women. Just thinking about it, without any formal research, we can't name a single U.S. Senator or Representative who is openly opposed to the idea. There are bills in both the Senate and the House to authorize the additional insurance and President Bush has also included the insurance proposal in his latest supplemental appropriations bill. Look for this to be approved in some form.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, investigated the following incidents: two for burglary, three for harassment, two missing persons, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one theft of property, one dog bite, one fraudulent use of a credit card, one recovered property, one reckless endangerment and one harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, two for burglary, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for possession of cocaine.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for attempting to evade police, five for driving with a suspended driver's license and two for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, FEB. 7** - Minor wreck reported on Highland Dr. (4:46 a.m.); River stage - 8.77 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 11927 Hwy. 189 S. (7:11 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire on County Rd. 349 (7:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the house fire on County Rd. 349 (8:08 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the scene of the

earlier fire on County Rd. 349 (2:28 p.m.); Wreck reported on Hickman Ave. in front of Movie Gallery (3:22 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEB. 8 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10795 Hwy. 87 (5:27 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9 - River stage - 8.37 feet (6:59 a.m.); **THURSDAY, FEB. 10** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1951 Taylor Mill Rd. (8:51 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1103 Martin Luther King Jr. (9:47 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 18679 Hwy. 125 (1:14 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 84 at the Covington County line (5:42 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1243 County Rd. 223 (7:26 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEB. 12 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Guyton St. (9:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1174 County Rd. 200 (12:28 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trash fire on County Rd. 501 (2:47 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (10:03 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 977 Claxton Ave. (8:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 26144 Hwy. 87 N. (4:39 p.m.).

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THE COFFEE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2005 was invited to work at the Alabama Advantage Lifestyles EXPO held February 10 in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Our students along with a youth leadership group from Greenville, AL were responsible for helping to set up and tear down the EXPO event, greet attendees, assist vendors, and generally make themselves useful to whoever needed help. The purpose of the EXPO is to promote communities in Alabama with an expressed desire to attract retirees. The EXPO vendors encourage "snowbirds" to travel around the state when they are in Alabama and promote Alabama as a place for retirees to settle permanently. The EXPO is usually held at the Alabama Gulf Shores State Park but due to Hurricane Ivan damage, the EXPO was held in a very large tent at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex this year. There were approximately 75 vendors promoting various areas around the state and we estimate 600+ people attended the EXPO. The students from Coffee County had to raise the travel money to attend the event in addition to working when they got there! Coffee County was very well represented by the 23 students from the Coffee County Youth Leadership program. These students are a fine example of young people who work hard, have fun and tackle new challenges with ability and enthusiasm.

Pictured above are: (front row) Derrick Cook, Kendall Stinson, Gail Olson, Ashley Carter (Middle row) Casey Medlock, Katy Haynes, Whitney Donaldson, Kimberly Henderson, Chelsea Wood, Kelly McKeon, Katie Richardson (Back row) Keri Flowers, Peggy Stroud (V), John Sawyer, Matt Snell, Jessie Jacobs, Josh Howard, Brandi Howard, Judson Vaughan, Lindsay Leverett, Rosanna Johnson, Kayla Kelley, LaShonda Cole, Carolyn Sutley (V) Ashley Hall (not in picture)

Coffee County Young Farmers attend Leadership Conference



Coffee County young farmers were among more than 300 Alabama Farmers Federation members who attended the Federation's Young Farmers Leadership Conference Feb. 4-6 in Pine Mountain, Ga. The conference is designed to prepare farmers ages 17-35 for leadership positions in agriculture and their communities. Attending from Coffee County were (front row, from left) Dixie Lavender, Sharon Caylor, Faith Caylor, Ashley Green, Christy Lee, Dylan Lee (back row) Andy Lavender, Bill Caylor and Brad Lee.

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• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.
• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
• **Disaster preparedness** - National Wildlife Insurance Co.

• **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD Pfc. Quinton S. Gavin** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Allison Cole (Gavin) and Ronald Hill of Highway 87, Elba, Ala.

Gavin is a 2004 graduate of Elba High School.

Survivors include her children: Joyce Cline, Judy Hudson, William J. Hollinghead, Charlie R.

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News from our Service Folks:

Army Pfc. Christopher S. Campbell has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Campbell's father is Steven Campbell of Parker Court, Fort Bragg, N.C., and his grandmother is Janie Howell of County Road 477, Kinston, Ala.

The private is a 2004 graduate of Pine Forest Senior High School, Fayetteville, N.C.

Army National Guard Pfc. Quinton S. Gavin has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Allison Cole (Gavin) and Ronald Hill of Highway 87, Elba, Ala.

Gavin is a 2004 graduate of Elba High School.

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Obituaries

LOIS ENGLISH LOCKLAR
Mrs. Lois English Locklar, age 93, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Minister Greg Hanchev and Minister George Herring officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Contributions may be made to Liberty Church of Christ - P.O. Box 404 - Elba, AL 36323.

Survivors include her husband: Harvey Locklar, Elba; one son: Johnny (wife, Hilda) Locklar, Mobile, Ala.; one daughter: Jane (husband, William) Logan, New Brockton, Ala.; one brother: Robert English, Elba; four granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Bobby Holladay
Westside Baptist Church

Encourage one another

Continued from last week...

In Philippians chapter 3, we see at least five ideas that encourage you to hang tough in your Christian walk. Three of these were given last week. First, the Christian plan is progress because perfection is not possible for the Christian. Second, Christians who hang tough and encourage others realize the past is over, learns from it, forgets it and moves on with life. Third, the Christian encourager who hangs tough looks to the future, knowing the future holds hope, and reaches for it.

Fourth, the Christian encourager knows he must maintain a right and determined attitude if he is to hang tough in the Christian walk. Paul specifically mentions having the right attitude in Philippians 3:15. "Perfect" here means maturity of mind. If you are to grow in maturity and be able to hang tough, the right attitude is an absolute necessity for endurance.

Does the name Robert Ballard mean anything to you? He was a man with a quest, a goal. He wanted to find the Titanic. He discovered the sunken ship on September 1, 1985. He gives the following description of when he first sent down that probe light and saw the ship wreck: "My first direct view of Titanic lasted less than two minutes, but the stark sight of her immense hull towering above the ocean floor will remain forever engrained in my memory. My lifelong dream was to find this great ship and during the past 13 years the quest for her has dominated my life."

What is your particular quest? For what are you leaning forward? The plan is progress, not perfection. The past is over, forget it. The future holds hope, reach for it.

James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." Trials and tests come that impact our patience and give it a chance to grow. As patience begins to develop, strong character is cultivated, moving us ever onward toward maturity. There is no shortcut.

Fifth, the Christian encourager needs to walk together with others of the same mind in order to keep a high standard. Those who hang tough do better when doing so with others. That is especially true in times of severe crisis. As Benjamin Franklin said at the signing of the Declaration of Independence: "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." While encouraging others, we need to keep a high standard. As Paul said, "Let us keep living by that same standard."

Paul said in Galatians 6:9: "And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary." You will never get weary in well doing and will be a good encourager when you pull alongside like-minded brothers and sisters.

An old song declares the Christian commitment to hang tough and to endure the long haul while maintaining a high standard.

*I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day.
Still praying as I onward bound,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on heaven's table-land.
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

The Christian walk is never easy but those who hang tough receive rich dividends in this life and in the life to come. Encourage someone today!

Wild Game Banquet to be held at Ino Baptist Church

The annual Wild Game Banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 25 in the Family Life Center of Ino Baptist Church. This event will be held for those who enjoy hunting, fishing and wild game, and there will be a special speaker.

There will be displays and services to interest hunters, outdoors-men and -women, as well as demonstrations and drawings for door prizes.

Wild game appetizers, as well as a hamburger and hot dog supper will provide food.

There will be no charge to attend. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 334/565-3970.

The Cobb Family concert set for February 19th at TSU

The Cobb Family, Mike Bowling and Shane Dunlap will be in concert Saturday, Feb. 19th at 7:00 P.M. This concert will be held in the Auditorium of the University of Alabama at Tusculum. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$11.00 each at the door. Tickets can be purchased in Enterprise at Dove Christian Supply, in Troy at Shout of Jericho Christian Bookstore, or online at www.masterscall.com. For more information, call (334) 670-3286 or (334) 670-3797.

Shane Dunlap will be performing Friday, February 18, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Coffee Springs United Methodist Church, Coffee Springs, Ala. At this concert a love offering will be taken.

Saturday, February 19, 2005 at 7 p.m. The Cobb Family, Mike Bowling, and Shane Dunlap will be featuring at the Crosby Theater at Troy University in Troy, Ala. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance and \$11 at the door.

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Elba Church of God plan Revival Services for February 20-23

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THINKING OF YOU
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Lovie Hooks
Lizzie Tyson
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Carolyn Lawrence
Nettie R. Hogan
Alan Belcher
Rev. Charles Lane
Billye Newton
The Nelson Family
Lela Tyson
LeRoy Smalley

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
John "Bud" Waters-February 17 (I.M.O.)
Ilaya Kelley-February 18
Alexis M. Tillis-February 18
Alfred Purvis-February 19
Ron Christopher-February 20 (I.M.O.)
Monica Henderson-February 21

ANNUAL MEN'S DAY
CELEBRATION to be held at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church in Enterprise, on February 20 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. C. A. Hammond, Jr., is the minister there.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Bobby Hartwell from New Hope Baptist Church in Opp.

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POEM
Forgiveness

*I was wrong, please forgive me
My brother asked of me one day
I was stubborn, wouldn't listen
And sent him his way.*

*I remembered that I had been given
A command to forgive my brother
And that command included
Love ye one another.*

*I knew I didn't want to be lost
There had to be a remedy
A small voice said, listen to me:
The medicine is forgiveness.*

By Eria Lindsey Belcher
Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Huggins to be keynote
speaker at Black
History Month Banquet

Presiding Elder Willis N. Huggins will be the keynote speaker at the Lively Stones Ministries Worship Center's Black History Month Banquet on Saturday, February 19, 2005. The event will be at 6:30 in the Enterprise/Ozark Community College Aviation Campus, Ozark, Alabama. Elder Huggins serves as Presiding Elder of the Ozark-Troy District of the A.M.E. Church, presiding over 26 churches and circuits. The Ozark-Troy District Mass Choir will furnish music for this occasion. Reverend Ronald Haynes has set choir rehearsals at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, 841 Geneva Highway in Enterprise, for Tuesday, February 8, Thursday, February 10, and Thursday, February 17. For more info concerning the rehearsals, please contact Rev. Haynes at 334-671-5645 or Marge Simmons at 334-393-3827. Tickets are available in Enterprise from Rev. Fred Flowers for a donation of \$20.00 call 334-393-1015.

The choirs of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church of Newville, AL has announced its Choir Day 2005.

This year the guest choir will be the George Washington Carver High School Alumni Choir of Montgomery, AL, under the direction of Mr. Henry Terry. Mr. Terry is a native of Elba, and is well known through the wiregrass. His choirs have been described as "dynamic and captivating." The concert is planned for Sunday, February 20, 2005 at 5 p.m. in Newville, where Reverend Eddie Thomas is pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

For additional information or directions, contact Bert Brantley at 889-8402.

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Church Directory

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| Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. | Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. |
| ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. | DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH |
| Richard Thoren, Sr. Pastor | Pastor, Don Grubbs |
| Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m. | Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m. |
| ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH | EANON BAPTIST CHURCH |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. | Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. |
| BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH | ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST |
| Nathan Carroll, Pastor | Tim Gamble, Minister |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Bible Study.....9:30 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m. | Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. |
| BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH | ELBA CHURCH OF GOD |
| State Phillips-Cope, Pastor | Rev. David Taddick |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. | Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. |
| BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH | ELBA CHURCH OF GOD |
| Darrell Caldwell, Pastor | Rev. David Taddick |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. | Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. |
| BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH | ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE |
| Tom Sosa, Pastor | Alma Richards, Pastor |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m. | Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m. |
| BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH | ELBA ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH |
| Robert Davis, Pastor | Pastor, Rev. Billy Bax |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m. | Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m. |
| CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST | ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH |
| E. H. Hill, Minister | Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities).....6:00 p.m. | Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. |
| COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH | ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH |
| Mark Gray, Pastor | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. |
| Bible Study.....9:45 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Followship.....10:00 a.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities).....6:00 p.m. | Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. |

| JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD | MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION | NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Rev. Ashley Faust-Pastor | Mary Seavey | Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor |
| Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. | Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m. | Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. |
| KINOSTON BAPTIST CHURCH | NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH | NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST |
| Pastor.....9:45 a.m. | Hirsh & Linda Williams, Pastors | Lois Flowers, Minister |
| Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH | NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-ENTERPRISE | OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH |
| Rev. & Mary Simmons, Pastors | W. K. Ellison, Pastor | Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor |
| Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship.....9:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....5:35 p.m. |
| LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST | NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH | PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD |
| Greg Hanchey, Minister | Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor | Rev. Hollis Bradley, Pastor |
| Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| LOVE'S WAY CHURCH | NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH | PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CHURCH |
| Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor | Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor | Betty Morris, Pastor |
| Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH | NEW GLENN BAPTIST CHURCH | RIVER OF LIFE WORSHIP CENTER |
| J. E. Parks, Pastor | Fred Fowler, Pastor | Rev. Lamar Dean |
| Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH | NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST | ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH |
| De. Taty Dye, Pastor | Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor | Rev. R. L. Williams, Pastor |
| Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. | Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. |
| Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. | Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. |
| Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. | Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. |
| MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD | NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH | SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH |
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LIFESTYLES

Kinston Ruitan Club sponsoring Chili Supper fund raiser

The Kinston Ruitan Club in Kinston will be sponsoring a Chili Supper February 18 at Kinston Town Hall. Serving will begin at 4:00 p.m. until. Plates will consist of chili, crackers, salad & cake. For all those who dine in tea will be provided. Cost will be \$5.00 per plate. For additional information call 565-3431.

NEW ARRIVAL

AUSTIN WYATT PATE

MRS. MYRTLE MCCOLLOUGH celebrated her 90th birthday on December 3, 2004, with a special celebration at Whitewater Baptist Church. The party was given by her children, Tom McCollough of Jacksonville, Fla. and Carolyn Smart of Elba. The theme was "Winter Wonderland", and displays of snowmen and Christmas trees were scattered throughout the church fellowship hall. Photographs from different periods of Mrs. McCollough's life were displayed on the guest tables, and her grand-daughter, Lindy Collier, shared family memories and special highlights with the group. Guests were treated to a wonderful barbecue meal catered by her niece, Myrna Cowen, and her husband, Ed. Small snowman ornaments were given as party favors, which opened to reveal a special birthday message from Mrs. McCollough.

Approximately 75 of Mrs. McCollough's friends and family attended this special event.

Amie Perry named to honor roll at University of Montevallo

Some 675 University of Montevallo students were named to the honor roll for the fall semester, including Amie Perry of Jacksonville, Ala. Dean's List honors went to 332 students. To make the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be a full-time student at the university.

George Washington Carver High School Alumni Choir to be guest choir at Choir Day 2005

The choirs of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church of Newville, AL has announced its Choir Day 2005.

This year the guest choir will be the George Washington Carver High School Alumni Choir of Montgomery, AL, under the direction of Mr. Henry Terry. Mr. Terry is a native of Elba, and is well known through the wiregrass. His choirs have been described as "dynamic and captivating." The concert is planned for Sunday, February 20, 2005 at 5 p.m. in Newville, where Reverend Eddie Thomas is pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

For additional information or directions, contact Bert Brantley at 889-8402.

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Miss Hays and Mr. DuBose announce wedding plans

Kevin and Ruth Hays announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nichole to Jerry Joshua DuBose. Heather is the granddaughter of the late Ralph and Margaret Baldasarra of Inverness, Florida and Lawrence and Loretta Stokes of Elba. She is currently attending Troy University to receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Heather is a member of Phi Mu sorority and Alpha Lambda Delta honor society. She is employed in Troy.

Jerry is the son of Beth and Lamar Henderson of Elba and Jim and Jackie DuBose of Enterprise. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray DuBose of Opp, Mrs. Ollie Belle Farris and the late Eugene Farris of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Curtis) Barefoot of Freeport, Fla. Jerry was also attending Troy University until he had to leave on November 10th with the 3rd/117th Field Artillery National Guard unit of Elba. He will be serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom for 12 to 18 months. Upon his return, Jerry will complete his degree in Risk Management and Insurance at Troy University.

The wedding will be held in Elba on June 10, 2006, at Westside Baptist Church.

Selected Wallace students receive laptops

Wallace Community College has announced that four associate degree nursing graduates received laptop computers courtesy of the University of Alabama's Cap

SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Muliar, Sports Editor

Birthday parties have never really been that big a deal in the Muliar family, but all that will end in a couple of weeks when we all get together to help our Mom celebrate her 80th birthday. It is still a little hard to believe that she raised four boys that were less than seven years apart in age and later in life was there to help with any and all problems concerning her 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was a faithful wife for over 50 years before our dad passed away and has been a true blessing to everyone that has known her for almost 80 years. Yep, that is a reason to celebrate!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an end last week in the opening round of the area tournament and the Tigers closed the season with six straight losses to end the year with a 12-14 record. The Tigers opened the season with a bang by winning the New Brockton Thanksgiving Tournament and opened a 12-8 record just a few short weeks ago. However, injuries and illness resulted in a lack of players late in the season and in the closing weeks the Tigers just never seemed to regain their winning attitude and confidence that had been so evident. It was a disappointing end to a disappointing season, but with no seniors on the roster, maybe the players will remember the late season swoon when they tip it off next year and will pay some folks back.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers made an early exit in last week's area tournament and closed out the season with four straight losses to end the year with an 11-13 record. The Lady Tigers were filled with confidence prior to the season after moving down to 2A and were convinced this would be the year they would make a run at the region tournament. While the girls did have some impressive wins, they never really settled into a winning style of play and late in the season rarely played well for four quarters. The Lady Tigers had only one senior on this year's roster and will return a team filled with experienced players when they tip it off next season. So, maybe next season will be the year they take that next step.

*** The tournament trail proved a little bumpy last week for almost all the teams in the county as only the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were able to punch their ticket for a trip to the sub-region. The Lady Gamecocks knocked off cross-county rival Elba in the opening round of the area tournament to move on, while in girls action at other sites the Kinston Lady Bulldogs were stunned by a McKenzie team they had already beaten twice and the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were knocked off by a Brantley team that they had handled only a few weeks ago. The boys teams were not expected to make much noise and that was the case as Zion Chapel lost to Goshen, Kinston got whipped by Florala and New Brockton was ousted by Luverne. Despite the lack of success in post-season play, all the county teams made definite progress this season and should be much better when they lace up the sneakers next season.

*** Dale County was the first area school to fill its head football vacancy last week when the Warriors hired Tarrant head coach Will Randolph. Randolph had posted a 47-14 record the last five years at Tarrant and took his team to four state playoff appearances, and got the job over 30 candidates. Coach Randolph is known as a hard worker and strict disciplinarian, and should fit in well at Dale County. Other coaching vacancies still open include Abbeville, Aiton and Goshen.

*** Auburn released its 2005 football schedule last week and the eleven game schedule includes five straight home games to open the season. The Tigers will open against former rival Georgia Tech in what should be quite a battle, then will take the field for what appear to be easy wins against Mississippi State, Ball State and Western Kentucky, before hosting South Carolina and Coach Steve Spurrier. Four of the next six games will be on the road, with road trips to Arkansas, LSU, Kentucky and Georgia, and home games against Ole Miss and Alabama. I can see only three easy games on the schedule, and that means the '05 Tigers may have their hands full as they try to repeat as SEC champs.

*** In closing, the dates have been set and the teams named for this year's various All-Star tournaments, and once again Elba will send four teams into All-Star action. Elba will be the smallest town represented in all the tournaments, but the locals will battle hard and there is no doubt they will represent the city and their leagues well. Mark Feb. 25-26 on your calendars and make plans to give these youngsters the support they deserve.

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New Brockton

Elba swept in regular season finale

The Elba High basketball teams traveled to Straughn last Monday night to close out the regular season and all three teams continued their late-season struggles as the Tigers, Lady Tigers and JV Tigers all suffered losses on the court.

The losses left the Tigers with a 12-13 record, while the Lady Tigers slipped to 11-12 and the JV Tigers closed out their season with a 7-11 record.

Following are highlights of all three games:

VARSITY BOYS

STRAUGHN 55
ELBA 50

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead evaporate under a late Straughn rally as the Tigers dropped a 55-50 decision, Monday night at Straughn.

Elba came out looking to put an end to its four-game losing streak and behind the inside play of LaRay Williams and the outside shooting of Mason Gully pulled out to a slim 14-12 lead in the opening quarter. The Tigers Shawn Abbott and Reymar Rogers joined the scoring parade in the second quarter as Elba upped its advantage to 29-22 by the end of the half.

However, the Tigers lost their way to the basket in the third quarter and scored only six points as Straughn rallied to cut the Elba lead to 35-34. The Tigers regained command early in the final stanza and led until the closing minutes, when Straughn slipped ahead 48-47 with 2:24 remaining on the clock. Elba's Mason Gully converted a three-point play with 1:33 left to pull the Tigers even at 50-50, but it proved to be the last points the Tigers would score and Straughn scored its final five points from the free-throw line to pull away and claim the 55-50 win.

Mason Gully scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Shawn Abbott added 12 and Duke Carr scored 10. Sterling Driver scored 20 points and Tyrell Hunter added 14 to lead Straughn.

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Straughn (55): Hunter 14, Johnson 2, Huggins 3, Carter 3, Driver 20, Hammet 6, Sexton 7, Elba (50): Gully 15, Williams 7, Rogers 4, Carr 10, Abbott 12, Burks 2.

Youth baseball and softball registration set for Feb. 21 - March 4 for Elba leagues

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for baseball and softball will begin on Monday, Feb. 21 and continue through Friday, March 4, for boys and girls in all leagues.

Baseball leagues will include Tee Ball (ages 3-5), Coach Pitch (ages 6-8), Dixie Minor (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys (ages 13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors (ages 17-18). A players age is determined by their age on August 1, 2005.

Softball leagues will include Tee Ball (ages 3-5), Coach Pitch (ages 6-8), Dixie Angels (ages 9-10), Dixie Ponytails (ages 11-12), Dixie Belles (ages 13-15)

VARSITY GIRLS

STRAUGHN 63
ELBA 38

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a lopsided 63-38 loss to Straughn, Monday night in Straughn.

The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 17-6 after one quarter, then saw their offense come to a complete stop in the second stanza as Straughn went on an 18-0 run to open up a 35-6 halftime advantage. Elba's YoYo Reynolds poured in 12 points in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers showed signs of life, and Elba continued its late rally in the final stanza, but it was way too little, way too late as the Lady Tigers suffered the 63-38 defeat.

YoYo Reynolds scored 19 points and LaFondra Thigpen added 17 to lead Elba, while McKena Parker scored 19 points to lead Straughn and Janiqua Felton added 12.

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Straughn (63): Bracewell 10, Daniels 6, Parker 19, Nail 5, Stokes 3, Felton 12, Watson 5, Steele 1, Carter 2.

Elba (38): Thigpen 17, Reynolds 19, Baxley 2.

JV BOYS

STRAUGHN 40
ELBA 30

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers fell behind early and never threatened last Monday afternoon in a 40-30 loss to Straughn.

The Tigers failed to score in the opening stanza and trailed 6-0 after one quarter of play, then scored only two points in the second quarter and lived in a hole on the half on the short end of a 17-2 score. The Tigers did find their way to the basket in the final two quarters and led by the play of Jimmy Morris and Eric Butts staged a late rally, but fell far short and suffered the 40-30 defeat.

Eric Butts scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Ross Parker scored 9 points to lead Straughn.

Straughn (40): Kinsaul 1, Parker 9, Freeman 8, Marshall 4, Dozier 3, Pettus 8, Westfall 1, King 2, Dorich 3.

Elba (30): Martin 6, Morris 6, Butts 9, McCormick 4, Tillis 5.

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Elba's Ron Hill (5) returned to action last week following a season long injury. The Tigers ended the season with a 12-14 record after falling in the opening round of the area tournament.

Tigers and Lady Tigers make early exits in area tournament

The Elba Tigers and Elba Lady Tigers opened play last week in the Class 2A, Area 5 Basketball Tournaments and both made early exits as the Tigers closed the season with a 12-14 record and the Lady Tigers ended the season with an 11-13 slate.

Following are highlights of both tournament games:

BOYS VARSITY

HIGHLAND HOME 64
ELBA 52

The Elba Tigers rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit to pull within three-points midway through the final stanza, but ran out of gas in the closing minutes and watched as Highland Home pulled away late to defeat the Tigers 64-52, in opening round action, in Luverne. The Tigers, which closed out the season with six straight losses, appeared to be on the verge of a lopsided loss after falling behind 31-14 at the half, but staged a furious second half rally and pulled within 52-49. The three-point margin was as close as Elba could get; however, as the Tigers saw their season end with the 64-52 defeat.

Mason Gully scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Shawn Abbott added 11 and LaRay Williams scored 10. Tony Merrweather scored 12 points to lead Highland Home.

GIRLS VARSITY

NEW BROCKTON 50
ELBA 45

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short Thursday night as they lost to the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks 50-45, in opening round action at Highland Home. The Lady Tigers fell behind early and trailed big at the half, but staged a wild second half rally and threw a scare into the Lady Gamecocks before running out of time.

YoYo Reynolds scored 18 points and LaFondra Thigpen added 16 to lead Elba, while Maresa Loman scored 20 points and Yameka Hall added 14 to lead New Brockton.



Michael Waddall killed this 10-point, 200-pound buck while hunting on Jan. 18 in Macon County.

SPORTS

For most county teams

Tournament trail proves to be bumpy ride

BOYS

Class 1A, Area 3

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their season come to an end Friday night with a 97-53 loss to the Florala Wildcats, in Florala. The Bulldogs fell behind 47-17 in the first half and never recovered as they suffered the opening round loss. Vance Gettis scored 17 points and Robby Evans added 16 to lead the Wildcats, while the Bulldogs were led by Josh Reeves with 16 points and Keith Tew with 14.

Class 1A, Area 4

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy in opening round action Friday night as they blasted the Arton Purple Cats 72-33, at Brantley. Kevin Pitts scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jeffery Daniels, Dexter Daniels and Derrick Weeks all scored 12 points.

Class 2A, Area 5

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled top-seeded Luverne on even terms for three quarters before falling 76-65, Friday night in Luverne. Rashard Andrews and Dee Finley both scored 25 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Macklin Burnett scored 31 points and pulled down 18 rebounds to lead Luverne.

GIRLS

Class 1A, Area 3

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their season come to abrupt end last Monday night when they were upset by the McKenzie Lady Tigers 53-48, at Florala. Ramsi Smith scored 20 points and Kaleigh Sanders added 15 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while La'Sha Pitts scored 19 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

Class 1A, Area 4

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs kept their season alive Thursday night by surprising the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 36-31, at Goshen. Jessica Daniels scored 10 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Inessa Wambles scored 9 points to lead the Lady Rebels.

To compete at ARPA District

Elba boys and girls "All-Star" teams selected

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced its "All-Star" teams, that will compete later this month in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District Basketball Tournaments.

Following are the All-Star lists in all five divisions:

BOYS "10 AND UNDER"

Tournament Site: Elba High School

Tournament Dates: Feb. 25-26
Coaches: Ronnie Caldwell, Tony Newton and Tim Williams

Coaches: Doug Martin and Greg Bailey

State of Alabama has 23 public lakes open to public for 2005 fishing season

Families can again enjoy quality time together fishing. Childhood memories of fishing with parents and grandparents are an important part of the fishing experience to many anglers. Families can create new fishing memories as State Public Fishing Lakes, which have returned to their fishing season schedule and are open six or seven days each week. Alabama has 23 State Public Fishing Lakes scattered in 20 counties throughout Alabama.

State Public Fishing Lakes, also known as county lakes, are popular with families because of the abundance of bank access, on-site concessions and restrooms, fishing piers, and good fishing. Anglers in the family can enjoy fishing, while others can play on the grassy areas, or grill at the picnic areas.

Families wanting to go boating can launch their own boat. Fishing boats are welcome at the lakes, but most lakes do not allow the use of outboard motors. Families without a boat can enjoy fishing from a rented boat for \$2 a day. Additional charges are added for anglers who need to rent life jackets or who want to enjoy additional accessories such as a trolling motor or anchors.

State Public Fishing Lakes have excellent fishing. Although the highest numbers of fish are caught in these lakes during May and early June, many large bass are often caught in the early spring. Some of these lakes have crappie, another favorite with

Jeffery Perdue, Raheem Newson, Kaelyn Newson, Denzell Thomas, Reid Rials, Kyson Edwards, Griffin Martin, Nicholas Green, Caleb Martin, Logan Bailey, David Bryant, Bradley Weeks.

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Tournament Site: Andalusia High School

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New Brockton's Sheri Eaton looks to drive in recent Lady Gamecock action. The Lady Gamecocks earned a spot in this week's sub-region play by defeating Elba 50-45 in area tournament action.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

Carley, Cobe Goosby, Tyler Anderson, Shaquille Solomon, Chace Sauls, Adam Bryant, Jeffery Wright.

Johnson, Nick McLaughlin, Jacob Pettie.

GIRLS "12 AND UNDER"

Tournament Site: Andalusia High School

Tournament Dates: Feb. 25-26
Coaches: Ken Mitchell and Tommy Perdue

Coaches: Ronnie Caldwell and Tim Williams

Coaches: Doug Martin and Greg Bailey

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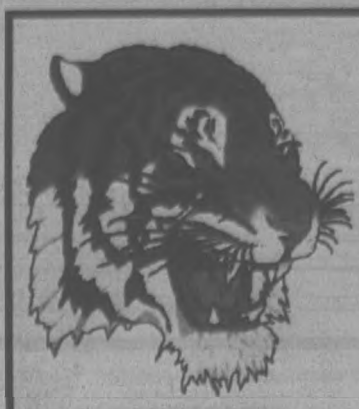
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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
Kayla Kelley

Basketball games get pepped up

by Casey Medlock

For the past several home basketball games, players and fans could hear a new sound on the court.

Band director Jeff Ellis and a few members of the EHS Marching Tiger Band came together and created a pep band to play during the home basketball games. They sit on the upper balcony in the gym, filling the court with energetic tunes.

The pep band provides everyone at the game with some of the music usually heard during football games, and some other new selections. All enjoy the

jazzy, upbeat music, living up when the band plays.

Recently, a contest was held to find a name for the pep band. EHS students sent in names to be considered.

On a Friday morning, the broadcast journalism students announced the winner, chosen by Mr. Jeff Ellis. "Tiger Jam" was the name picked.

"Tiger Jam" adds to the already numerous ways in which the Elba band members support their fellow students.

At every home game you can hear them, blasting away in the upper balcony, pepping up the crowd and helping cheer on the

E.H.S. Student Spotlight

by Stephanie Corder

This week's Student Spotlight is **Reil Kelley**. He is the 16-year-old son of Maria and Myron Duncan.

Reil is a member of the Elba Varsity Football team, Senior Beta, FCCLA, Mu Alpha Theta, and is a youth member of Rocky Head - Missionary Baptist Church. Reil enjoys talking on the phone, hanging with friends, and listening to music.

Reil describes himself as friendly, outgoing, and determined to achieve anything in life that he puts his heart into.

After high school he plans to attend the University of Virginia and major in business management.

Elba students attend SEUS Honor Band

by Elizabeth Weeks



Recently, three EHS Band students were accepted into and attended the Southeastern United States Honor Band in Troy. During the weekend of February 3-5, Lauren McClung (center) and Jared Brooks (left), members of the Crimson Band, and Elizabeth Weeks (right), member of the Silver Band, sat through intense rehearsals and heard other high school bands from the southeast perform at the clinic. On Saturday, the concert was held that afternoon, before the band dance. Overall, it was a learning experience as well as an enjoyable weekend for those who attended.

Elba Elementary kindergartners learn about emus

by Casey Medlock

On Monday, Feb. 7, Ms. Young's Kindergarten class got a special surprise. Thanks to Edna and Raymond Richbury of Luverne, Alabama, these lucky students got to see and hold emu eggs.

While passing the dark green eggs around, the class learned to their teacher tell the difference between emu and chicken eggs. They can stand five to six feet tall. It can take 53 to 56 days to hatch and emu egg, and unlike most other animals, the father does the sitting on the nest after the egg has been laid.

Ms. Young also shared how useful the emu is. Emu oil is used in face cream, moisturizers, shampoos, cosmetics, and sports medicine.



The kindergartners fully enjoyed this experience. They were amazed at all the interesting facts about these odd creatures and their eggs and had a wonderful time learning about them.

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E.H.S. Ambassadors volunteer at special service

by Jennifer Grissett

The Elba High School Ambassadors attended the memorial ceremony for Sergeant Jason D. Jordan on January 28, 2005.

This memorial honored Jason for his bravery and dedication in securing our great country.

The ambassadors fulfilled many duties, such as ushering and serving refreshments. The ambassadors were privileged to volunteer for such a day that will live on in the history of Elba.

It makes them proud to live in a country where men and women are willing to lay down their lives for such a great land.



EHS Ambassadors at the "Lest They Be Forgotten" monument honoring Sgt. Jason D. Jordan

Co-Op Spotlight

by Ashley Gibson



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is **Jeffery Alexander Benbow**, but call him Alex for short.

Alex is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Benbow. He has been working at National Security for a little over a year as property management.

At school, Alex is involved in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. In his spare time, Alex enjoys playing the guitar, hanging out with friends, and riding his four-wheeler. He also likes sitting by fires, going camping, floating down the river, and riding dirt roads.

Alex prefers to take life one day at a time and just be happy. However, his favorite thing to do is stay out of trouble!

Keep up the good work, Alex, and congratulations on being this week's Co-Op Spotlight.

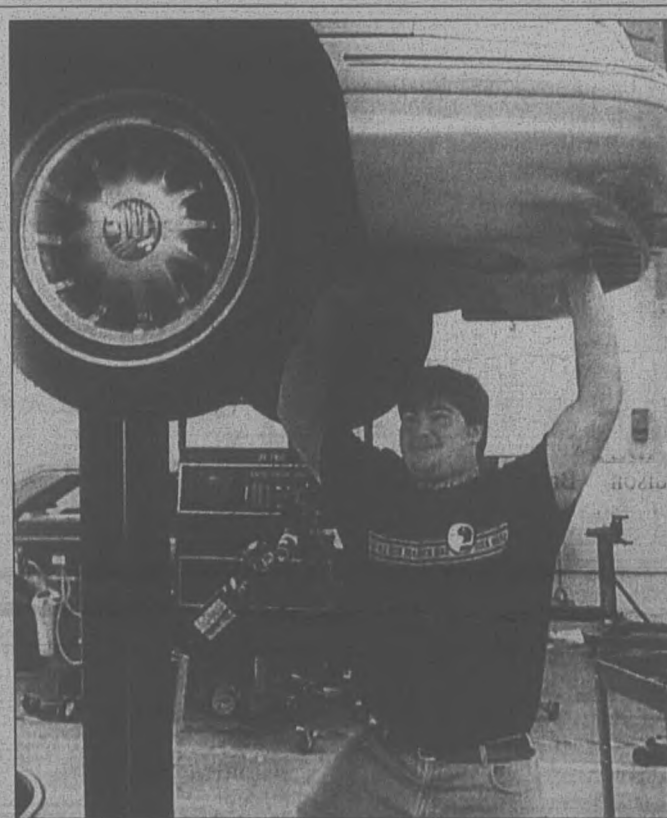
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Did You Know?...

by Rebecca English

The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Jennifer Grissett)...I had Wheaties for breakfast.

Reminder:

The Elba High School Key Club is sponsoring a Dinner and a Movie Night scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17 (TODAY), at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria.

Tickets for the night can be purchased from any Key Club member or at the Elba High School office. Adult tickets are \$7 and child tickets are \$5. All proceeds from the evening will go to the tsunami relief fund.

Be ready to be treated like royalty as Key Club members take care of your every need by serving you spaghetti while watching the movie Long, Long Trailer. So, come join us for a night of good eating and lots of laughs.

If you have questions, call the Elba High School office at 897-2266.

Students named to honor roll lists at Elba High School

A HONOR ROLL

GRADE 7 Marshall Adam George, Justin Blake McLaughlin

GRADE 8 Jamison Keith Baker, Meredith Brunson, Brandy Lavon Caldwell, Ethen Dadd, April Eugene Findeore, Lee Andrew Head, Michael Harris Jackson, David Eric Madaloni, Kristopher Jordan McBride, Dylan Reese

GRADE 9 Guccie Hudson, James Douglas Martin III, April Price

GRADE 10 Brianna Lynne Bailey, Brian Dean Blair, Chase William Boutwell, Sydney Treadwell Brunson, Christina Young Bryant, Mary Catherine Cash, Emily Leigh Driggers, Jason F. Johnson, Whitney Deanna Kilcrease, Lauren Alexis McClung, Melanie Reese Mularz, Joshua Dewayne Parrish, Anna Marie Petty

GRADE 11 Ashley Michelle Carley, Lloyd Grantham Carr, Kayla Marie Kelley, Hunter Ryan McGuire, Casey Michele Medlock, Andrew Thomas Parker, Ashleigh Hayden Waddell, Elizabeth Emily Weeks, Shawanna Monique Wright

GRADE 12 Mallory Paige Allen, Stuart Bradley Bane, Sarah Kristin Barnes, Timothy Boggess, Brittany Lakeitha Clark, Melinda Dodd, Kaleb Kemberly Dyess, Rebecca Gena English, Robert Ryan Gibbs, Ashley Renee Gibson, Jennifer Leigh Grissett, Anna Marie Harrison, Cameron M. Irwin, Lynday Kathryn Lawford, Jessica Merklin, Alison Smith, Kristi Michelle Spinks, Justin Harold Williams

GRADE 13 Colt Kenneth Anderson, Meagan Ann Anderson, Michelle Aruz, Charles Matthew Brunson, Ashley Nicole Carpenter, William O'Brian Carpenter, Erica Nequell Daniels, Daniel Aaron Harrelson, Thomas Cordell Carrington Hooks, Bobby Randall Hudson, Tiffany Renee Johnson, Toshamba Finiece Jones, Kayla Ann Morrow Miller, Tatiana Rashe' Parker, Brittany LaShawn Phillips, LaDon Rhoades, Jonathan Ashton Rodriguez, Terney Keyana Starks, Yocquesha Audria Terry

GRADE 14 Whitney Amber Bailey, Abdel Rashad Bilal, Clinton Wayne Bradshaw, Clara O'Megan Burrows, Eric Lee

GRADE 15 Shawn Maurice Abbott, Whitney Anderson, Emily Brooke Bradshaw, Jared Norman Brooks, Victoria Ann Brooks, Kayla Michelle Byrd, Curtis Kyle Chandler, Lashonda Cole, Ben Dixon Coppage, Arlin Trey Davis III, Daniel Chase Graham, Leonard W. Grantham III, James Weldon Greek, Timothy Carmichael Jackson, Lewis Vernon Johnson, Brandy Tarell Kelley, Todd Hamilton Kelley, Whitney Vaughan Lawford, Tessa Renee Lee, Sharika Sharonda Lindsey, Amanda Mauldin, Tamara Denise Oliver, Gale Olson, Amber Nichole Pike, Amanda Rose Pope, Brandon James Ray, Jonas Reynard Rogers, Kendall Rebecca Stinson, Summer Nicole Stricklin, Judson Will Vaughan, Elizabeth Rae Walker, Rashawnda Renee Whitfield, Aubrey Laray Linger Williams, Hubert Alan Willis, Dancelyn Jenae Wilson

GRADE 16 Carlos Alberto Aruz, Allison Lee Brunson, Kevin Cory Hays, Michael Taylor McGuire, Joshua Miller, Jessie Schultz, Lance Sutey, Carneisha Wright, Cornelius Dexter Wright

GRADE 17 Madison Brooke Redsole, Courtney Grace Brown, Kenneth Ethan Deal, Ashley Nicole Hodges, Madison Alexandria Millette, William Jerrod Pope, Samantha Ivy Sanders, Teagan Alexandria MacKenzie Sharpe, Zachariah Paul David Smith, Jordan Makenzie Wambles, Zachary Quentin Whittington

GRADE 18 Brandon Tyler Beckworth, Darren Steven Blocker, Christian Daniel Childs, Terry Damon Flowers, Michael Blake Fuller, Brittney Danielle Grantham-Hill, Katerina Lynn Jarrigh, Candace Nicole Kelley, Veronica Paige Kidd, Tyler Nyls Martin, Aaron Daniel McCollough, Brandi Deanna

GRADE 19 Melissa Ann Sowards, Ms. Cynthia Ann Sowards, age 57, of Columbus, Ga., formally of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at her residence in Columbus.

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Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005 from 1-2 p.m.

Survivors include her mother, Eula Lee Sowards, Montgomery, Ala.; two brothers, Gary Sowards, Chelsea, Ala.; Ronnie V. Sowards, Nashville, Tenn.; one sister, Candice Hollinghead, Montgomery.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Late Obituary

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Sign-up underway for tree assistance program

Sign-up for Tree Assistance Program (TAP), which provides financial relief to owners of eligible trees, bushes, vines and forest land damaged by natural disasters has begun.

Owners of eligible trees, bushes and vines from which an annual crop is produced for commercial purposes, eligible forest land owners who produce crops of timber for commercial purposes; and eligible pecan producers may receive assistance under TAP. Producers who received payment under Section 32 of the Act of Aug. 24, 1935, for 2004 hurricane losses are ineligible to receive benefits.

However, producers may receive both Section 32 payments and TAP payments for pecan rehabilitation. In addition, producers are eligible for both Emergency Conservation Program and TAP assistance for the same losses.

TAP for Orchardists
Funding as necessary has been authorized for benefits under the

2005 Appropriations Act for losses which occurred during the period beginning Dec. 1, 2003, and ending Dec. 31, 2004, for eligible orchardists to replant trees, bushes and vines that were grown to produce an annual crop.

TAP for Forest Timber Producers
In addition, the 2005 Appropriations Act authorized \$15 million for assistance to eligible producers who meet all requirements and produce periodic crops of forest timber for commercial use, and who suffered timber losses or damage during the period beginning Dec. 1, 2003, and ending Dec. 31, 2004. If all eligible claims filed during the application period are greater than the available funds, benefits will be prorated.

TAP for Pecan Tree Producers
The 2005 Appropriations Act also authorized \$8.5 million in TAP assistance for producers who suffered crop damage to pecan trees. Pecan producers

must be located in a Presidentially-declared disaster county that suffered storm-related tree losses related to the 2004 hurricane season.

For more information, or to apply for TAP assistance, tree owners should contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. Additional TAP information is available on FSA's Web site at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

CITY

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Doris Matthews and Barry Giles were unanimously reappointed to serve on the Elba Industrial Development Board.

Grimes reported that Architect Paul Davis has agreed to draw the plans on remodeling the old post office building for use as a municipal court building. He will do the work for \$18,000.

The council agreed to the contract and will decide on moving forward with the project once they get a total cost estimate.

\$100,000 of the recent bond issue is earmarked for this work but Grimes said Davis estimates the total may be closer to \$200,000.

The building was donated to the city by the previous owners. Monthly bills totaling \$90,861.78 were approved for payment.

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The council also approved a host of low bids on recreation equipment to be purchased during the coming year.

A clean-up day is being planned with the local work release residents. No date has been set.

AUSA Luncheon Rescheduled

The AUSA Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Daleville Convention Center has been rescheduled.

The luncheon has been tentatively rescheduled at the same location for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 13.

For more information, contact: Bob Slagle, 494-2999 or slagleb@alaweb.com

New Brockton High February Students of the Month



Emily Hardiman is a 11th grader and is the daughter of Ed and Rebecca Hardiman of Enterprise. She is President of Science Club, a member of SGA, FFA, FBLA, Math Club, Media Club, Beta Club, and Marching and Concert Band. Her favorite thing about NBHS is the friendly, approachable atmosphere. Her most honorable memory of New Brockton High School is being on the 2004 Homecoming Court. If she could be principal for one day, she would cancel all classes and declare it CSI day!!!

Kelly Wood is a 7th grader and is the daughter of Tommy and Carla Wood of Opp. She is in the band and also plays basketball. Her favorite thing about NBHS is getting to see all of her friends. Her favorite memory from school so far is riding with friends in the Homecoming 2004 parade. If she could be principal for the day she would declare it a fun day in which everyone could do just what they wanted.

Valarie Hutcherson is the daughter of George and Malinda Hutcherson of Shiloh. She is a majorette in the Gamecock Pride Marching Band, a member of the girls' basketball and softball teams, and St. Beta. She would skip school for the day if she was principal. Her favorite memory from school is placing 2nd in the Red Level Basketball Tournament.

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driving through it recently. Officials agreed the road is lacking in upkeep with a light pole in the middle of the road, as well as, a tree in the road.

New Brockton Police officer Danny Richards said the police department most likely would be for closing the road. He said the department often has trouble with teenagers using the road as a gathering point, and suspects use the road in an attempt to elude officers when they run during traffic stops.

In explaining why the church would like to have it's property undivided, Medley said it is his desire to build a transformation home on the property. He said this would be a religious, Christian-based organization designed to help people who

have come from various walks of life.

Council members approved a motion supporting the mayor's recommendation to table the discussion until the next working session. He said this would allow more time to gather information so the council can decide the best action to take regarding Trudy Street.

Mayor Cole informed council members that Police Chief Jerome Cobb was recently called to military duty. At the time of the meeting, he said Cobb was at Ft. Benning, but he felt like Cobb would be sent overseas.

Cole said he wanted to wait until Cobb's plans are finalized before making a decision regarding the department.

HELP

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to allow it to finish the job. The motion passed by a 4-3 vote with Commissioners Stephens, Brooks, Linda Westbrook and J.L. Weeks voting in favor. The opposing votes came from Commissioners Thompson, Doug Dalrymple and Tom Grimsley.

Mayor Cole also addressed commissioners asking for their support in an ongoing battle with the state Department of Transportation on the U.S. Highway 84 project.

Cole informed commissioners that the most recent project plan calls for the existing Hwy. 84 road to be cut off at both ends coming from Elba and Enterprise. He stressed that the

DOT is actually going to take the pavement up in spots on both ends.

"All we're (town officials) asking is that the Department of Transportation leave the existing Hwy. 84 as an alternate route," the mayor said.

He said town officials are scheduled to have a meeting with the DOT's district manager later this week, and asked the commission to officially show it's support for the Town of New Brockton in this matter.

Commissioners unanimously voted to support the town as it works with DOT officials to try and keep the existing Hwy. 84 road as an alternate route.

Council members were introduced to the newest member of the police department after they approved adding a K-9 unit to the department.

Officer Danny Richards introduced "Glo" to the department. He said Glo will serve strictly as a scent (narcotics) dog. However, he said there are three things, in particular, he would like to see her do. They include: 1) Narcotics detection; 2) Tracking; and 3) Evidence Recovery.

Glo is continuing her training at this point, and Richards said she is being trained to pick up on several narcotic scents including marijuana, heroine, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and methamphetamine.

"She's a real asset to the town," Richards said.

In other business, the council: * Announced the town offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 21, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

* Approved a resolution adopting the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

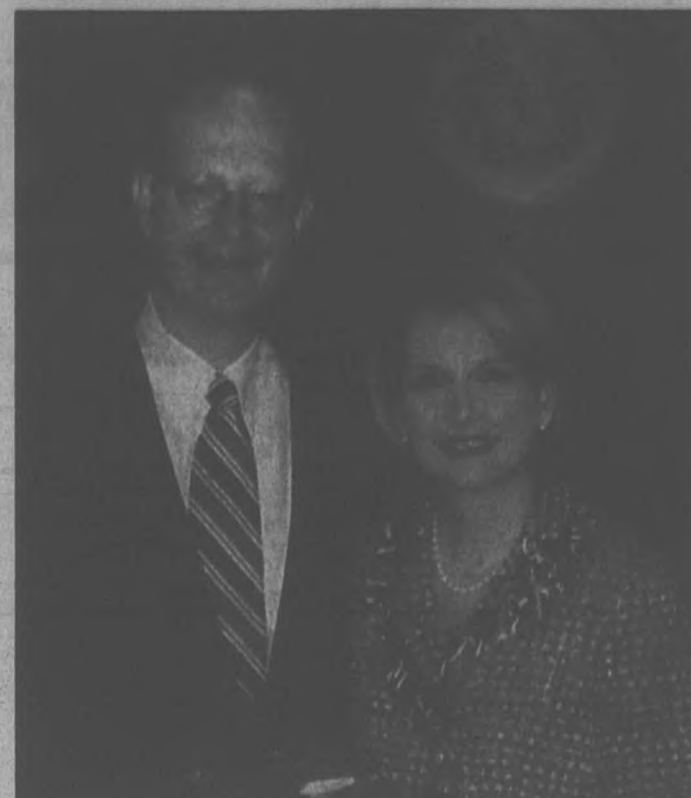
The next meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall.

Hollis Horton III receives justice appointment

Texas Governor Rick Perry recently announced the appointment of Hollis Horton III of Beaumont as justice of the Ninth Court of Appeals District pursuant to House Bill 2261, passed in the 78th regular session. Horton will serve until the next general election, when he can opt to run for a full term.

Horton is an attorney and senior partner with Orgain, Bell and Tucker, L.L.P. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association and the Jefferson County Bar Association. An officer of the Mickey McHaffey Inns of Court, Horton also serves as a member of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Texas Civil Justice League. He is a member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, and is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees and Finance committees.

An honors graduate of Duke University, Horton received a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and has practiced law in Southeast Texas for 23 years. He is board certified in personal injury law and civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is married to the former



Judge and Mrs. Henry Hollis Horton III of Beaumont, Texas

Courtney Cannon, of Elba, and is the father of Marriott, a graduating senior at Washington and Lee University, and Robert Cannon, age 16.

Deadline nearing for NAP coverage for farmers

David W. Eaddy, County Executive Director of the Coffee County Farm Service Agency, recently announced that Tuesday, February 1, 2005 was the final date for producers to request Non-insured - Crop - Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) pro-

vides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters. The program provides crop loss protection for growers of many crops for which Federal Crop Insurance is not available. It covers non-insurable crop losses and prevented plant-

ings caused by disasters. Eligible producers must pay a service fee of \$100 per crop, per county, not to exceed \$300 per county, or \$900 per producer, for NAP coverage. Producers must apply for coverage and pay the applicable service fees by the application closing dates established by the FSA State Committee. February 28, 2005, is the deadline to purchase 2005 coverage for many NAP and insurable crops grown in this area. Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees.

The coverage period and sales closing dates for NAP crops vary depending on whether the crop is an annual, perennial, or value loss crop. Therefore, producers should contact the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office to determine coverage periods, sales closing dates, and to apply for NAP. Eligible crops include those produced for food (including livestock feed) or fiber for which catastrophic crop insurance is not available. Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled-environment crops (mushroom, and floriculture), specialty crops (honey and maple sap), and value loss crops (aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turfgrass sod).

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Elba police chief resigns

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba Police Chief R. W. (Ronnie) Whitworth resigned his position in a surprise move last Wednesday morning.

Mayor James Grimes said later that Whitworth, a retired Alabama

state trooper, had resigned on his own accord and gave no specific reason for his actions.

Grimes, who is also Whitworth's brother-in-law, explained that the former chief came into city hall Wednesday morning and told him and the city clerk of his intentions.

The mayor said he and the city council would work together on selecting a replacement for

Coffee County BOE opposes idea for mandatory start date

During February's regular Coffee County Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram told board members the state legislature is looking at a bill for a mandatory start date for the school year.

Ingram said the state school board is concerned this will take away from the individual communities. She said the current method for creating a school calendar allows the local school boards to tailor the schedule to the community.

Therefore, Ingram asked board

members to pass a resolution opposing a mandatory start date.

"Our calendar currently allows us to end the first semester at the Christmas break," Ingram said. "If we go to a mandatory start date, we will totally have to revamp our school calendar."

Board members unanimously approved opposing the mandatory start date.

Also during the board meeting, Ingram announced that Kayla Hurd, a student at Zion Chapel Schools, won the county-wide spelling bee.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON FIRE DESTROYS HOME...The Elba Fire Department responded last Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17, to the scene of a house fire at 1026 Teresa Street. The fire was reported at approximately 3:50 in the afternoon. As emergency personnel arrived, they found the fire to be well underway with a thick cloud of smoke coming from inside the home. Moments later, flames became visible outside. Firefighters worked as quickly as possible to extinguish the flames; however, extensive damage was evident to the inside of the structure. No injuries were reported from this incident.

Elba installs state-of-art utility meters

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board is in the process of installing all new electronic electric meters on Elba water and electric lines.

Over 300 of both the water and electric meters are installed and are actually being used. Brookdale, Reese Avenue and New Town were first to get the new meters.

The complete installation is expected to take about four

more months, as employees do this extra work along with their regular duties.

With the new meters installed, an employee can ride down the street and accurately read the

Once the installation is completed throughout the town, a single individual can read every water and electric meter in town in less than a day. The new electric meters cost about \$70 each while the new water meters cost \$165 each.

The readings are recorded on a laptop computer. The data is then downloaded to the main computers at city hall for billing. The first readings were done both with the automatic equipment and manually to ensure accuracy of the equipment.

of water for a 24 hour period. Already the new system has found and reported 21 residential water leaks.

Both the new water and the electric meters are also equipped to report any efforts to illegally tamper with or corrupt the meter.

At this time there are no immediate plans to install these new meters on three phase commercial meters of the Elba electric system. These will continue to be manually read and reported.



New electronic reading electric meter



Lee Johnson and Keni Mitchell are shown installing one of the new electronic electric meters at an Elba residence.

Bozeman elected vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association

Max Bozeman, a fulltime cattleman and farmer from Elba was elected vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association at the 62nd annual meeting held in Mobile on February 12. Other officers elected were Perry Deiber, Horton, president-elect; Ned Ellis, Fort Deposit, treasurer; and William E. Powell of Montgomery, executive vice president.

Bozeman is a fulltime cattle producer from Coffee County. He grew up on a diversified

family farm in Crenshaw County. He received a BS degree from Troy State University in 1975 and bought a farm in Coffee County that same year.

Max started in the cattle business in 1979 and today owns 300 commercial cows and runs a few stockers. He grows some corn silage for the cows and has a hay program. Max is very active in leadership positions with the beef cattle industry in Alabama. He has served as president of the Alabama BCIA, a member of the Alabama

Farmers Federation state beef committee, chairman of the Coffee County bull sale committee, is on the county extension council and is past president of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association. Max just completed a three-year term as Regional Vice President of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association.

Max and wife Kathy, a registered nurse, have two sons - Steve, an appraiser with the Federal Land Bank and Charles, a landscaper in Birmingham. The Alabama Cattlemen's

Association represents the state's \$2 billion beef cattle industry. It is one of the largest state cattle organizations in the country with 12,500 members. The association also handles the state and national producer self-help assessment program that provides funds to help promote beef and the beef cattle industry. The association is located on Capitol Hill in historic downtown Montgomery. The headquarters houses The MOOseum, a children's educational venue. For more information, visit the website www.bambef.org.



Max Bozeman of Elba (second from right) recently was elected vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association during the organization's annual meeting. Other officers include Perry Deiber, Eric Smith, Ned Ellis and William E. Powell.

During Coffee County Commission meeting Committee formed to look at public transportation program

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners listened Monday, Feb. 14, as several individuals spoke about a need to develop a rural transportation system within the county.

Mary Redmon was the first to speak. She said she met previously with commissioners asking for their support for public transportation.

"I am asking asking again to consider this need for public transportation," Redmon said.

Alongside Redmon was Judy Crawley, a senior planner for the Alabama Department of Transportation. He told commissioners there is a possibility to receive funding for a public transportation system. Although no state funds are available for such a program, Brooks said applications can be submitted to the federal government for funding.

Under a rural transportation program, he said the county would have to supply on 20 percent of the funding.

Judy Crawley, director of the Coffee County Family Services program, was present at the meeting, and she said her department sees a need for a public transportation system each and every day.

She said the people in her department spend a lot of their day trying to access volunteers

to pick up people and transport them. Also, she said her department has recently become aware of U.S. citizens in Coffee County that do not speak much English. She said these people are paying monumental costs for transportation services.

Crawley said her department depends on the same people day in and day out to help with the growing problem.

"We're tapped out," she said. "We would be so grateful if you supported this (transportation program)," the matching funds."

Renita Bozeman, an employee of the Alabama Department of Family Services, said "We at Family Services would be glad to help locate the matching funds."

transportation system. Although no state funds are available for such a program, Brooks said applications can be submitted to the federal government for funding.

Under a rural transportation program, he said the county would have to supply on 20 percent of the funding.

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"I am not sure about this program, but I am sure that rural transportation is a problem," Sauer said in regards to the program presented by Brooks. Sauer encouraged commissioners to look at a needs assessment to make sure a transportation program would be well utilized if it was acquired.

Brooks told commissioners there are 48 transportation programs currently operating in the state through his department with 26 of those being operated by counties.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks offered a resolution to commissioners for approval to apply for funding for a Nonurbanized Area Public through the Alabama Department of Transportation. He received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook

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